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April 18,1902

Gibara.—Reports as above for the weeks ended March 15, March 22, and March 29, 1902.

Baracoa.—Reports for the weeks ended March 15 and March 22, 1902. Respectfully, OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon General.

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ENGLAND.

Report from London.

LONDON, ENGLAND, March 25, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended March 22, 1902:

There were 7 bills of health issued from this consulate for vessels leaving for ports in the United States, and the crews of all these vessels were vaccinated. Two of the vessels had their crews vaccinated by the ship's surgeon; in all the others the work was done by an officer of the Service. In all a total of 139 persons were vaccinated. There has been very little opposition to the vaccination on the part of the crew, it being understood before signing articles that they are to submit to the operation. The work involves a large amount of time, inasmuch as the crews are usually completed at Gravesend, and it is therefore necessary for the officer to accompany the vessel as far as that.

The smallpox situation remains about as before, but the number of cases in hospital remains about the same, owing to discharges and deaths. For the week ended March 15 there were 100 deaths from this disease in the whole of England, and of these 81 belonged to London and 18 to the borough of Stepney, being more than twice as great a number as belonged to any other borough in the city. As I have before said, Stepney is a section of the city most frequented by seafaring men. I think that the disease is spreading slowly to many of the towns of England.

During the same week there were 7 deaths from smallpox in Glasgow. During the week ended March 9 there were 12 cases of plague, with 4 deaths, in Egypt. In Mauritius, for the week ended March 6, there were 19 cases and 5 deaths, and for the week ended March 13 there were 10 cases and 7 deaths.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The Surgeon-General,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin-Plague and cholera in various countries.

BERLIN, GERMANY, March 29, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the latest information obtained from the imperial health office (Kaiserliches-Gesundheitsamt) regarding plague and cholera:

Plague.

EGYPT.—Between March 7 and March 14 there were registered 9 cases of plague (and 5 deaths), namely, 4 (2) in Decheneh-near-Keneh, 3 (2) in Kom-el-Nour, 1 (1) in Tantah, and 1 in Abussir.